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U of C flouts tuition cap, SU says

Cost. Students could pay hundreds more next year if rate hikes are approved

Student representatives at Calgary's largest post-secondary institution appear to be gearing up for a fee fight.

This Thursday, the University of Calgary's board of governors will vote on whether to hike tuition 2.15 per cent — the maximum allowed under the provincial tuition cap — for the 2013-2014 school year.

But Hardave Birk, president of the U of C Students' Union, was quick to point out that students will face an already-approved hike to a services fee, meaning some students will actually see an overall cost jump in the neighbourhood of five per cent.

"That's just them trying to get around the tuition cap," said Birk, who will vote against the tuition hike. "It's increasing tuition by a different name."

Metro made requests to speak with U of C officials on Monday afternoon and again on Tuesday but was later informed no one would comment until after the vote on Thursday.

Word of the proposed fee hike was met with mixed reaction from students like Rory Scollard.

"I look at it from both sides," he said. "On the one side, it does seem to be a little bit underhanded, like they're trying to get more money from students on a year-by-year basis."

"On the flip side, Calgary is a really growing city and they're making improvements to the campus as well."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Where it'll pinch

- **Tuition:** 2.15 per cent proposed hike. Based on documents found on the U of C's website, the proposed increase would amount to \$114.66 for the average, full-time undergraduate student.
- **Residence rate:** proposed hike between 2.5 and 5 per cent. If approved, the monthly rate to live on campus would range from \$630-\$1,000.
- **Student-services fee:** already-approved \$150 hike. This fee was established for the 2010-2011 school year at \$150. It rose to \$300 the following year and will jump to \$450 for the 2013-2014 year.



CHRISTMAS CHEER!

M.L. Bader, left, of Calgary Meals on Wheels hands some freshly wrapped gifts to Nyakuny Lual, middle, and Viola Simon at Marlborough Mall on Tuesday. Volunteers with the charitable organization will be wrapping presents until Dec. 24 at both Marlborough and Westbrook Mall. Payment is by donation, and the proceeds will help Meals on Wheels provide food to local seniors, school children and the working homeless. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



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Guilty on some counts

Canadian soldier acquitted of manslaughter

A Canadian reservist has been found not guilty of manslaughter in an Afghanistan training accident that killed a soldier and injured four others.

A military jury at a court martial in Calgary also acquitted Maj. Darryl Watts of breach of duty. But the five jurors convicted him of unlawfully causing bodily harm and negligent performance of military duty.

Cpl. Josh Baker died when a Claymore anti-personnel mine peppered the platoon on a practice range near Kandahar city in February 2010.

The defence argued that Watts had no training on the C19, so handed over responsibility for safety to his second-in-command, who was an expert on the weapon. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canadian Pacific

Calgary-based railway cuts thousands of jobs

Canadian Pacific says it will eliminate some 4,500 jobs by 2016 and expects more than a third of those to come by year end as the struggling railroad works to bring down its operating costs.

The Calgary-based company says the reductions will be achieved through job cuts, attrition and fewer contractors as part of its restructuring plan.

The company says it expects 1,700 positions to be eliminated by the end of the year. CP will move its current corporate headquarters in downtown Calgary to new office space at its Ogden Yard by 2014.

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Ric McIver has maintained that the true success of tougher impaired-driving legislation he helped push into law will be measured by whether Alberta sees a reduction in impaired-driving-related collisions. METRO FILE

City's drunk-driving numbers declining

Law's impact. Second month of data released following introduction of tougher impaired-driving sanctions



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City police issued just one quarter of the impaired-driving suspensions in October as they did over the same period last year, but the provincial transportation minister isn't ready to party just yet.

"I think it's tempting to say we have solved the problem, but we haven't.... You could argue that there are just less people driving impaired, which is good news,

or I suppose you could argue that police have been focused on other priorities, which are also extremely important, too," Ric McIver said Tuesday, adding he's more interested in long-term trends.

The data provided to Metro provides a snapshot of the second month of strengthened penalties for impaired violations between .05 and .08. It indicates that while 268 24-hour suspensions were issued in October 2011, just four of that type and 60 of the new, three-day suspensions were handed down during the same month this year.

The Calgary Police Service has maintained that enforcement levels would not change with introduction of the new impaired law, but police are not commenting on the numbers at this time.

October also saw an 18 per cent decrease in Criminal Code impairment charges, which came under new sanctions over the summer that allow police to hand down immediate and indefinite suspensions to violators.

But that provision has drawn a great deal of criticism among defence lawyers, and Edmonton-based constitutional lawyer Fred Kozak has now filed a constitutional challenge with the backing of representative evidence from four Albertans hit with the harsher penalties.

He said the new law actually encourages the accused to plead guilty in hopes of avoiding a drawn-out court battle — during which they cannot drive — and violates the constitutional right to a fair trial.

Checkstop

- Data provided previously by Calgary police for September — the first month of harsher penalties for driving alcohol violations between .05 and .08 — indicated a 50 per cent decline in suspensions issued year-over-year.
- The Calgary Police Service is expected to roll out its annual enhanced, daytime Checkstop program this week just in time for the holidays.

"It affects all of us," Kozak said. "I would say that fundamental rights like this can be lost through a gradual erosion."

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Local woman paying it forward for brother's legacy



After Ryan Rymak died in October, his sister, Suzana, was inspired to spread some joy to those around her. COURTESY OF SUZANA RYMAK

In the wake of her brother's recent suicide, one Calgary woman is planning to spread some joy in the hope that others will carry on the goodwill.

Suzana Rymak will be hitting the streets and transit system this month handing out some 40 Tim Hortons gift cards with the simple message of paying it forward.

Rymak said her brother, Ryan, died in October at the age of 34. Inspired by her

brother's giving attitude, she said she decided shortly after his death to turn the tragedy into something that would help others.

"He's not here to tell his story," she said. "I wanted to do something positive, even if it's something small."

Without revealing specific dates and locations, Rymak said she plans to distribute the gift cards to random Calgarians sometime between Dec. 15 and 22.

She said she plans to at-

tach to the gift card some phone numbers for community organizations such as the Calgary Distress Centre. But, for the most part, her message will be a simple one.

"It's about giving what you can, when you can," she said. "Pay it forward and take care of yourself, as well as each other."

Those who would like to contribute gift cards for Rymak to hand out can email suzanarymak@hotmail.com.

KATIE TURNER/METRO

Vaccines. HPV letters heading to Catholic homes this week

When Calgary's Catholic School District sends home a packet to parents this week detailing a new vaccination program for human papillomavirus (HPV), it will be without its typical faith-based message.

Previously, the district had offered information on vaccination sites outside of schools but also included input from Bishop Fred Henry, who suggested the vaccine promotes promiscuity among young girls, and advised the district against introducing a publicly funded program in its schools.

That all changed, however, after a public consultation and unanimous support from district trustees last week.

District spokesperson Janet Corsten said the packets will be provided to parents of girls in grades five and nine and, with their written consent, vaccinations will begin before Christmas.

"The vaccine itself requires three shots and they have to be timed (over a period of months)," she said.

HPV Calgary, a pro-vaccine advocacy group, had long argued Henry's comments on the vaccine were not valid, claiming measures to stop HPV, which has been linked to cervical cancer, should be based solely on medical research.

The packet being sent to parents will still include a reference to a letter from the Catholic Bishops of Alberta, something HPV Calgary's Juliet Guichon objected to on Tuesday.

"That's inappropriate.... We shouldn't allow anybody into that conversation between patient and physician," she said.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Sherman fingered by ex-health boss in queue-jumping inquiry

No response. Alberta Liberal leader refused comment until he testifies

The former chief executive of Alberta's health superboard says he took flak from provincial politicians for not having "fix-it" people in place to help some get preferential access to care.

But when Stephen Duckett was asked to name names on Tuesday, he could come up with only one.

"A number of MLAs, but amongst others that I recall was Raj Sherman," Duckett told the public inquiry looking into queue-jumping in Alberta.

An emergency-room doctor by trade and a former parliamentary assistant health minister in the government, Sherman has been a central defender of Alberta's health care.

He was bounced from the Tories for his criticism of the system and went on to become Liberal leader. As leader of the Grits, he was one of the most prominent politicians calling for the in-

Star witness

- Stephen Duckett is a key witness at the inquiry, which was called by Premier Alison Redford last February before the provincial election in the face of criticism from the opposition.

- An Australian who was recruited by the province, Duckett took over as CEO of Alberta Health Services — the delivery arm of health care in the province — in March 2009.

quiry.

Lawyer Michele Hollins pressed Duckett for more.

There were some rural members of the legislature, Duckett said, but Sherman's was the only name he could recall.

"I can't remember the names of them, sorry," Duckett said.

Requests for an interview with Sherman were denied through the party. His staff said he would address the allegations when he testifies himself next week.

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Reporters in Edmonton monitor the inquiry in an overflow room during the testimony of former AHS head Dr. Stephen Duckett on Tuesday. Duckett testified via video from Australia. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON

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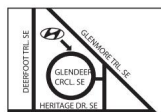


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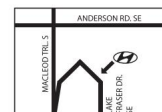
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Big Tobacco lawsuit. Province to stay mum on contract details: Minister

The Alberta government will not release details about its controversial contract with a Calgary law firm to sue Big Tobacco for \$10 billion, Justice Minister Jonathan Denis confirmed Tuesday.

Denis told the legislature that publicizing details of the contingency agreement with International Tobacco Recovery Lawyers could harm their case by giving ammunition to the opponent.

The deal has come under fire in recent days because one of the firms is tied to Premier Alison Redford's ex-husband and political adviser Robert Hawkes.

Denis rejected demands from the Wildrose party to release the information. "I'm on the side of everyday Albertans, not Big Tobacco," said Denis.

Wildrose critic Shayne Saskiw said the only way to judge the deal and the premier's role in awarding the contract is for the government to come clean.

"Will the premier stop blowing smoke, do the right thing and lay out the documents showing to us the agreement as well the (losing) offers put forward so Albertans can



Premier Alison Redford METRO FILE

see for themselves whether they got a good deal or whether the premier awarded a superlucrative contract to a friend?" Saskiw asked.

Deputy premier Thomas Lukaszuk said the agreement was negotiated by a third party and is the best deal possible. Tobacco Recovery Lawyers are on the hook for all costs and will only get paid a percentage if they win the suit.

Critics say they need to know the numbers, given that even just 10 per cent share could bring a \$1 billion windfall to a law firm tied to the premier.

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Southwest Calgary. Two men charged after police seize two kilos of cocaine

RCMP charged two Calgary men with possession of cocaine, after seizing two kilograms of the stimulant.

On Nov. 28, the RCMP Calgary Drug Section arrested David Tieu, 23, and Christopher Pearson, 32.

Members found one kilogram of cocaine that had been split into ounce packaging — both crack-cocaine and powder — in a vehicle on 33 Avenue and 19 Street S.W.

They also obtained a search warrant for an apart-

ment in the 2600 block of 16 Street S.W. where they found an additional kilogram brick of cocaine, as well as a digital scale and packaging.

Officers seized a 2007 Lincoln truck connected to the charges.

Tieu has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking cocaine, while Pearson is facing charges of trafficking cocaine as well as possession for the purpose of trafficking cocaine.

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Without Calgary Flames games bringing people to the Scotiabank Saddledome, Jamie Lefley and Kathleen MacKenzie of Loungeburger have been less busy with the cash register. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Lockout hurting restaurants, bars

NHL. Sales flat-lined near Saddledome; decreased more than 11 per cent near arenas in Winnipeg, Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal

Come back ... please

"All of us in the restaurant and food-services industry would love to see the return of NHL hockey soon."

Mark von Schellwitz, Western Canada vice-president of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association

much as in other Canadian cities.

"Of all the hockey towns we looked at, Calgary was probably the best off," said Malcolm Fowler, vice-president of marketing at Moneris Solutions, the country's largest processor of debit- and credit-card transactions.

While sales were down significantly near NHL arenas in other Canadian markets,

their cowboy hats because it's a pretty good year."

Moneris' figures are similar to those collected by the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association, which is predicting a 9.3 per cent increase in total sales for the industry in Alberta in 2012.

Jamie Lefley, manager of Loungeburger near the Saddledome, said the restaurant-bar is still packed on nights when other events are going on at the arena, but he has noticed a "considerable" difference in business this year without the Calgary Flames.

"We're missing the NHL big-time," he said.



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Sales at bars and restaurants near the Scotiabank Saddledome have been hurt by the NHL lockout, according to a new report, but not nearly as

Fowler said restaurants near the Saddledome took in roughly the same on days in 2012 comparable to Calgary Flames game days in 2011.

Alberta's restaurant industry as a whole, however, has seen year-over-year sales increases in the double digits, according to Moneris' data.

"In the rest of Alberta, people are going 'Yahoo!' Fowler said. "They're waving

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Calgary teacher Linh Huynh is seen in this 2011 photo at the finish line of the Antarctic Ice Marathon.

COURTESY OF LINH HUYNH

Calgary teacher preps to run North Pole Marathon

Ambition. 'Creating ridiculous challenges' all part of giving life meaning for local teacher, who has already run a marathon on southern pole



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While many of us struggle to climb out of bed when the temperature drops below freezing, local teacher Linh Huynh has no problem lacing up her running shoes and heading out for a jog.

After all, Calgary's wintry months provide the perfect training ground for her endeavours at the far reaches of the globe.

"It's not that bad," she

claims.

In 2011, Huynh became just the 23rd woman to complete the Antarctic Ice Marathon, a full-length jaunt in -25 C weather, which is still considered balmy for the southern pole region.

"Knowing that you were so far removed from everything else, in the far reaches of the world, it's just super exhilarating.... Fewer people have run that race than have climbed Everest," Huynh said.

But now the 37-year-old has her sights on a challenge some might wittily describe as being the polar opposite of her 2011 effort: the North Pole Marathon.

Huynh's research suggests that if she can raise enough money to cover the springtime race's \$14,000 entry fee plus travel costs, that she will be the first Canadian woman to run a marathon on both poles.

Protection

To protect herself while running the Antarctic Ice Marathon, Calgary's Linh Huynh donned a face mask and protective ski goggles. She also wore custom-made shoes that featured a Gore-Tex liner.

Godfather Martin Shields, who became close with the Huynh family after they immigrated to Canada as part of Vietnam's rush of "boat people," has no doubt Huynh will soon cross a finish line in the North Pole.

"That's what Linh's all about," he said. "Linh has done some of the most extreme things out there."

You can follow Huynh's progress or offer to help fund her trip to the North Pole by connecting with her through Twitter @Linh_win.



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78-year-old escapes jail for his part in abduction

Family split apart.
Man played 'essential' role in helping daughter in the 2009 'kidnapping' of two boys, judge says

An elderly man has been sentenced to 18 months of house arrest for aiding his daughter in the abduction of her two young sons to Poland.

In handing down the sentence, Ontario Court Justice Joseph Kenkel said in Newmarket, Ont., that Tadeusz Ustaszewski played an "essential" role in the 2009 kidnapping of 11-year-old Alexander Watkins and eight-year-old Christopher Watkins.

Kenkel said if it wasn't for his ailing health, the 78-year-old would be sent to jail.

The boys' father — Stephen Watkins, of Newmarket — was granted custody of the children after he split from his wife, Edyta Watkins.

She and the boys vanished in March 2009, only to



Happier times: Stephen Watkins and his sons, Alexander, left, and Christopher romp in a pool. A 78-year-old man has been sentenced to 18 months' house arrest for aiding his daughter in the abduction of the two boys.

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emerge later in Poland, the woman's native country.

Ustaszewski sat with a Polish interpreter and showed little reaction during the judge's remarks.

Last August, he was found guilty of child abduction for driving his daughter and the two boys to the United States where they boarded a flight to Frankfurt, Germany.

Outside the courthouse, Watkins called the sentence "bittersweet" and said he will continue to fight to bring his children back home to Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

UN aftermath. After big debate, Tories won't cut aid to the Palestinians

The Harper government pledged Tuesday night to preserve millions of dollars in Canadian aid to the Palestinians.

The issue was discussed during a 90-minute meeting in Ottawa involving Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, International Co-operation Minister Julian Fantino and four envoys called home for talks.

Baird had recalled them to discuss a response to the Palestinians' new United Nations status.

Baird's spokesperson said Tuesday night that Canada's five-year, \$300-million commitment would be maintained when it expires in March. The

World outsiders

Canada strongly opposed the Palestinians' successful effort last week to win elevated status at the UN.

- **Almost alone.** Canada was one of only nine countries to vote against the Palestinians in the 193-nation General Assembly.

money goes toward strengthening the Palestinian justice system, economic development, health and education.

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Health Canada acts

Testing lab's licence suspended

Health Canada has yanked the licence of a Toronto-area chemical testing laboratory.

The watchdog says it found falsified results in tests involving medications, natural food products and

food additives. It says in some cases, Chemi Pharmaceutical did not test drug ingredients.

The agency said there is no evidence the health of Canadians has been compromised. Chemi Pharmaceutical did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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John McAfee seeks asylum in Guatemala

On the lam. Founder of anti-virus company fled Belize fearing death in police custody

Software company founder John McAfee has surfaced in public for the first time in weeks, saying on Tuesday that he plans to ask for asylum in Guatemala because he fears persecution in Belize.

McAfee spoke to The Associated Press in a restaurant near a high-end hotel where he is staying in Guatemala City after sneaking out of neighbouring Belize. Police in Belize have called him a person of interest in the November slaying of a fellow American expat.

McAfee says he is being persecuted by the Belizean government and has sensitive information about official corruption in the country where

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he lived in a compound guarded by aggressive dogs and armed guards.

"Now that I'm here, I can speak freely. I can speak openly," McAfee said.

He said he plans to petition the Guatemalan government to allow him to stay. He added that he fears he will be killed if he turns himself in for questioning in Belize.

"Belize does not have a good track record of providing safety when they ask to question you," he said. "I felt much more secure crossing the border into a country that had laws that were backed by the justice system."

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John McAfee, left, with his lawyer, Telesforo Guerra, answers questions at a restaurant in Guatemala City on Tuesday. MOISES CASTILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Royal Family. Boy or girl, Kate's baby will take the throne: U.K. government

The business of monarchy has always been stacked in favour of men. Not any more — or so the British government promises.

The first child of Prince William and his wife, Kate, will be born a king or a queen in waiting, under changes to succession rules designed to overturn centuries of tradition and give royal daughters the same rights as sons.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg pledged on Tuesday that the law on succession would be changed at the "earliest opportunity." He said "whether the baby is a boy or a girl, they will have an equal claim to the throne."

"Born to rule, be it a boy or a girl" proclaimed the Daily Mail, which noted that the baby had "already made royal and constitutional history" even before it is born.

Not so fast, caution others. A royal saga needs a touch of uncertainty, and experts point out that despite politicians' promises, the law giving males primacy in succession has not yet been changed — and the clock is ticking.



Britain's Prince William leaves a hospital in London on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We know that the wishes of politicians are written in water," said royal historian Robert Lacey. "Law only becomes law when the law is made — and the law has not been made."

Last year, the leaders of Britain and the 15 former colonies that have the queen as their head of state informally agreed to establish new rules giving female children equal status with males in the order of succession — something that will require legal changes in each country.

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Stay curious

NASA hopes to send Curiosity clone to Mars

NASA says it wants to launch another mega-rover to Mars modelled on the wildly popular Curiosity.

The space agency said Tuesday that the spacecraft will be built from Curiosity's spare parts. It would use the novel landing system that got the car-size rover to Mars in August.

The new mission, estimated to cost about \$1.5 billion, is scheduled for 2020. But the rover's exact purpose in the mission hasn't been hashed out yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Magnetosphere

Scientists discover radioactive chirps from the cosmos

Twin spacecraft have captured the clearest sounds yet from Earth's radiation belts — and they mimic the chirping of birds.

NASA's Van Allen Probes have been exploring the radiation belts surrounding Earth for just three months. But already, they've collected measurements of high-energy particles and radio waves in unprecedented detail.

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Indonesia. Divorced via text message, second wife, 17, 'not a virgin'

Hundreds of Indonesians rallied Tuesday to demand a district chief's resignation after revelations of his text-message divorce to a teenage girl four days after their marriage.

The incident has sparked public outrage.

Aceng Fikri, chief of Garut District in West Java province, took 17-year-old Fani Oktora as his second wife in July.

But Fikri, 40, quickly divorced her via a short text message, alleging Oktora was not a virgin when they married as he had expected. He said he spent about \$26,000 on the wedding.

Students and rights activists in Garut spit and trampled on pictures of Fikri on Tuesday before burning them outside the local council building.

It was the second consecutive day of protests against Fikri, whose case came into the spotlight last week after a picture was posted on the Internet.

On Monday, dozens of people rallied in front of his house and the council building.

Divorce by text

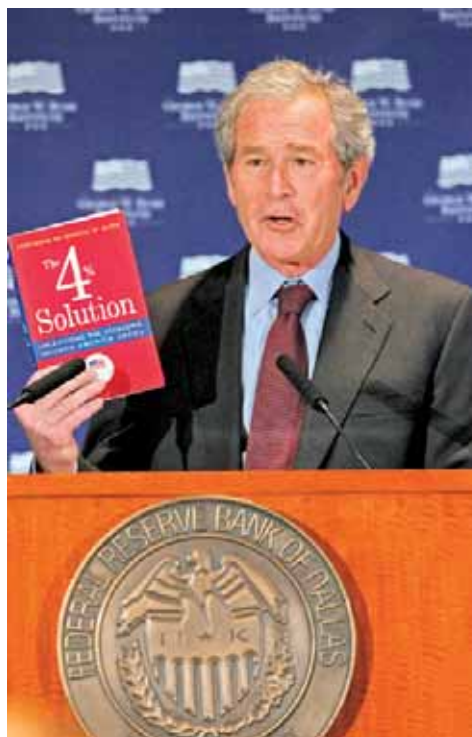
Some Muslims believe in an Islamic ritual allowing men to end a marriage by telling their wives they divorce them. However, divorce by text message is uncommon in moderate Indonesia.

Late Tuesday, the local council issued a recommendation for Fikri's dismissal, but the process will have to wait for a verdict by the Supreme Court.

Also on Tuesday, Oktora, accompanied by her lawyers, filed a complaint with police in the capital, Jakarta, accusing Fikri of domestic violence by holding her captive after the wedding and fraudulence for declaring that he was a widower.

A lawyer representing Fikri said they would file a complaint of defamation against Oktora, whom he said had signed an agreement saying she would not complain about the marriage.

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Bush talks immigration

Former U.S. President George W. Bush holds up a book Tuesday as he gives opening remarks at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas for a conference titled Immigration and 4% Growth: How Immigrants grow the U.S. Economy. The conference was in Dallas. LM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California. Judge upholds ban on therapy to change sexual orientation

For the second time in two days, a federal judge in California has issued a decision on the state's first-of-its-kind law prohibiting licensed psychotherapists from trying to change the sexual orientations of gay minors.

U.S. District Judge Kimberly Mueller issued a ruling Tuesday that will allow the ban on "conversion" therapy to take effect on January 1.

Her ruling came in a lawsuit filed by four counsellors, two families, a professional

organization for practitioners and a Christian therapist group seeking to overturn the law.

On Monday night, Mueller's colleague, U.S. District Judge William Shubb, handed down a somewhat-competing ruling.

Shubb granted a request by two mental health providers and a former patient to be immune from the law until their lawsuit seeking to overturn it on U.S. First Amendment grounds can be heard next year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tuscan vineyard

16,500 gallons of prized wine lost

It's suspected that vandals have dumped almost the entire 2007-2012 production of one of Italy's most sought-after wines, Soldera Brunello di Montalcino. Vineyard owner Giuseppe Soldera said Tuesday only "a little bit" remained and he wasn't sure what he would do with it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina

Warden takes heat over alleged abuse

The warden at a North Carolina prison, where six inmates allege correctional officers forced them to rub hot sauce on their genitals, has been suspended pending the outcome of an investigation. A second employee also has been reassigned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Swinging in the Big Apple

Max Fauconnier swings alone during a preview of Ann Hamilton's multimedia art installation *The Event of a Thread* on Tuesday at the Park Avenue Armory in New York.

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Who's the daddy?

Court orders paternity test

A French court on Tuesday ordered a paternity test for a multi-millionaire who former justice minister Rachida Dati claims fathered her nearly four-year-old daughter. The alleged father is legally entitled to refuse.

The birth of the child while Dati was in office from 2007 to 2009 made headlines and set off guessing games about the father's identity, which the minister refused to divulge.

Last month, the 46-year-old Dati named Dominique Desseigne, a 68-year-old widower, as the father of her child and took her case to a court in Versailles.

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Higher learning

Harvard gives the OK to sex group

Kinky sex has been admitted to Harvard.

America's oldest university has formally recognized Harvard College Munch, a group promoting discussions and safe practices of kinky and alternative sex.

The Committee on Student Life recognized Munch on Friday, making it one of 400 independent student organizations on campus. It occurred more than a year after members began meeting informally over meals.

Founders say Munch "meets an otherwise unaddressed need on campus."

Organizers say the group started with seven people and now boasts about 30 members.

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Pizza perfume

Pizza Hut puts scent in a bottle

It's the ideal gift for perfume-loving foodies: Pizza Hut's new pizza-scented perfume.

The idea for the fragrance began as a Facebook joke, said the company's ad agency Grip Limited.

When Pizza Hut's community managers posted a joke to the social-media site last August about bottling the smell of fresh-made pizza, fans reacted positively, garnering the post the month's highest engagement rate, Grip's managing director of digital, Adam Luck, told Marketing Magazine.

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Reconsider rocket launch, UN chief urges North Korea

Ballistic-missile program. Pyongyang announced Monday it planned to launch a satellite sometime between Dec. 10 and 22



A satellite image shows the Sohae Satellite Launch Station in North Korea. DIGITALGLOBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon strongly urged North Korea on Tuesday to reconsider its decision to launch a rocket which would be "a clear violation" of UN sanctions.

The UN chief also urged Pyongyang to suspend all activities related to its ballistic-missile program, UN spokesman Martin Nesirky said.

The UN Security Council has imposed two rounds of sanctions on North Korea following its nuclear tests and a 2009 resolution orders the country not to conduct any launch using ballistic missile

technology.

"Such a launch would also heighten tension in the region," Ban's spokesman said.

It would be North Korea's second launch attempt under leader Kim Jong Un, who took power following his father Kim Jong Il's death nearly a year ago. The embarrassing misfire of its last rocket eight months ago earned the country widespread international

condemnation.

Ban also called on the North to re-establish a moratorium on missile launches, as required by the Security Council, Nesirky said.

The secretary general, a former South Korean foreign minister, renewed his call on North Korean authorities "to work towards building confidence with neighbouring countries and improving the life of its people," he said.

"He reaffirms his commitment to working for peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and helping the people in the DPRK," Nesirky said, using the initials of the country's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The United States considers North Korea's rocket launches to be veiled covers for tests of technology for long-range missiles designed to strike the United States.

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Iran. Swede accused of breaking embargo

A Swedish man has been charged with breaking international sanctions against Iran after allegedly trying to export advanced technical material typically used in uranium-enrichment activities, officials said Tuesday.

Police did not disclose the identity of the 31-year-old, who is accused of attempting to sell 11 state-of-the-art valves to Iran in February and April last year. The alleged attempt was discovered when Swedish custom officials made a random check

Overkill

"The properties of the materials are so advanced that it would be overkill to use them (in the oil industry)."

Swedish non-proliferation expert Daniel Nord, pointing out that, because of their corrosive resistance, the valves are typically used for uranium-enrichment activities

of a shipment that contained dual-use products — material that can be used for civilian

functions as well as for the production of weapons of mass destruction and other weaponry — and seemed to be destined for Iran.

According to national broadcaster SVT, the cargo's official destination was labelled as Dubai, but a closer look showed that the final destination was Iran.

The suspect, who allegedly operated out of a small company in Lund in southern Sweden, has denied any criminal charges, prosecutors said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Protesters chant slogans and against President Morsi in Tahrir Square on Tuesday. MAYA ALLERUZZO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protest in Tahrir threatens rule

False spring? Crowds chant against President Morsi's seizure of augmented power

More than 100,000 Egyptians protested outside the presidential palace in Cairo on Tuesday, fuelling tensions over Islamist leader Moham-

med Morsi's seizure of nearly unrestricted powers and the adoption by his allies of a controversial draft constitution.

The outpouring of anger across the Egyptian capital, the Mediterranean port of Alexandria and a string of other cities pointed to a prolonged standoff between the president and a newly-united opposition.

Morsi's opponents, long

fractured by bickering and competing egos, have been re-energized since he announced decrees last month that place him above oversight of any kind, including by the courts, and provide immunity to two key bodies dominated by his allies: the 100-member panel drafting the constitution and parliament's upper chamber.

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A lion cub sleeps at a South African nature reserve. But outside its safe confines, there's a nightmare situation for the proud species across the continent as ever-encroaching humans take over the lions' habitat.

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Human tide pushes lions out of the savannahs

A lost homeland. Fifty years ago, 100,000 lions roamed Africa; now there are just 32,000, says report

Pity the king of beasts.

The lions that roam Africa's savannahs have lost as much as 75 per cent of their habitat in the past 50 years, a new study says.

Humans are overtaking their land and the lion population is dwindling, says the study, released on Tuesday.

Fifty years ago, nearly 100,000 lions roamed across the African continent.

But researchers at Duke University say the number of lions across the continent has dropped to as few as 32,000.

"Lion numbers have declined precipitously in the last century," says the study, published by the journal Bio-

Dire statistics

Five countries in Africa have likely lost their lions, the report says.

- **The top nine.** Only nine countries contain at least 1,000 lions.
- **The top homeland.** Tanzania has more than 40 per cent of the continent's lions, the Duke report says.

diversity and Conservation.

"The situation in West Africa is particularly dire, with no large population remaining and lions now absent from many of the region's national parks."

In recent years, an ever-growing human population has come into the savannah lands to settle and develop — pushing out the lions.

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Elephants slaughtered

Mounted gangs in poaching carnage

Cameroon's dwindling elephant population is being decimated by heavily armed gangs of international ivory poachers, says the World Wide Fund for Nature.

Tighter security has been mounted because intelligence shows two gangs of poachers from Sudan are heading for the area, WWF

Cameroon conservation director Hanson Njiforti said Tuesday.

Already this year, poachers travelled 1,000 kilometres on horseback from Sudan to reach northern Cameroon's Bouba Ndjida National Park, where they killed more than 300 elephants in two months. Eighty per cent of the park's elephant population was wiped out.

The high demand for ivory in Asia is fuelling the trade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescuer accused of dognapping

For pet owners, it's often heartbreaking.

Families come home to find their dogs have vanished from inside houses, behind locked fences and outdoor kennels in communities east of Albuquerque, N.M.

But officials say there's been a break in the case.

A woman was arrested and accused of stealing two pit bulls — and then throwing them from her moving car as the dogs' owner gave chase.

And officials now think

Missing dogs

60

Officials estimate 60 dogs have gone missing in the area over the last few years.

they have confirmed longstanding suspicions the missing pets were victims of an overzealous animal rescuer turned serial dognapper.

"It really cracked the

case," Edgewood animal-control officer Mike Ring said of the arrest of Debbie Swenerton, 59.

Authorities think she stole dogs and then took them to shelters and said they were strays in need of adoption.

Ring said he suspects Swenerton could be part of a network of activists concerned about the treatment of animals in rural areas, where many dogs are tied up, live outside or roam freely.

Swenerton's attorney,

Quinn Kirby, called the allegations ridiculous.

"It is outrageous to suggest that someone like her would do something so heinous as to throw a dog out the window of a moving car."

Barbara Tellier, a friend of Swenerton's who runs the Alliance Against Animal Abuse Inc., said she believes Swenerton is being set up by officials in a county where animal abuse is rampant and officials don't care.

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Police investigate after a head was found in an alley in Edmonton last month. Four men have been arrested in three different murder cases in Alberta and Saskatchewan, including one in which the victim was decapitated. **JESSE WHITNACK/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Alta. members of 'White Boy Posse' charged in murders

Sensationalized crimes. Four gang members charged in three homicides, one in which the victim was decapitated

Four members of an organized crime group known as the White Boy Posse have been charged in three separate murders in Alberta and Saskatchewan, including one in which a head was found in an Edmonton alley.

The head was found by a woman out for a walk on Oct. 25. The decapitated remains of Robert John Roth had been discovered less than a week earlier and 100 kilometres away near

Saskatoon mom killed

"This was a tragic crime that left a husband without his wife and four children without their mother."

Saskatoon police Chief Clive Weighill, speaking about Lorry Santos, 34, who was shot and killed in September when she answered the door of her Saskatoon home to strangers.

the Alberta town of Ranfurly.

"It was significant," Insp. Jerry Scott with the Alberta RCMP's serious crimes branch said Tuesday.

Scott said police stepped up their investigation once they realized what they faced. The gang had been on their radar for a few years.

"We were very cognizant of who we were dealing with and the public safety matters."

Randy James Wayne O'Hagan, 22, of Lloydminster, Alta., and Nikolas Jon Nowytzkyj, 32, of Wainwright, Alta., have been charged with first-degree murder and offering an indignity to a human body.

Ranfurly residents said at the time of the initial discovery that Roth's remains were found in a ditch next to a running pickup truck. The victim was 54 years old and lived in Lloydminster.

O'Hagan, along with Kyle Darren Halbauer, 22, also of Lloydminster, is as well facing charges in the death of another man. Bryan Gower's body was found on a rural road near Kitscoty, Alta., in September.

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New hearing

Barack Obama's uncle not being deported yet

U.S. President Barack Obama's uncle in Massachusetts is getting a new deportation hearing. Onyango Obama is from Kenya and was ordered by an immigration judge to leave the United States in 1992. An Immigration spokesman won't say what triggered the recent decision. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Smuggling suspicions

Guard charged with smuggling bales of Mexico pot

A U.S. federal criminal complaint says border patrol agent Aaron Anaya was at work Sunday in southwest Arizona when he stopped along the international border. The complaint says people in Mexico dropped bales of marijuana over the fence, and Anaya loaded them in his car. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Times Square station

Couple argued before husband's subway murder

The wife of a New York City man who was pushed onto subway tracks to his death by a mumbling stranger says she and her husband had argued before the tragedy. Ki-Suck Han of Queens died at a hospital shortly after being hit by a train Monday at the Times Square subway station. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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PQ loses bid to take down Canada's flag

Quebec flag flap. The Maple Leaf will remain in the Red Room of the national assembly

The Maple Leaf is staying put in one of the main rooms at Quebec's national assembly.

An attempt by the Parti Quebecois to remove the Canadian flag failed Tuesday, with the two main opposition parties voting to defeat the minority government.

That means the flag will continue to adorn what is known as the Red Room of the legislature.

The room once housed Quebec's now-defunct upper chamber and is still used for legislative committees and ceremonies like a cabinet swearing-in.

The flag has never stood in the legislature in either of the previous two eras that the pro-independence party held office. This time the PQ's

intentions prompted a backlash, with the party receiving criticism in both social and news media.

It was at the swearing-in of the new PQ cabinet several weeks ago that people noticed the flag had been removed.

The Canadian flag has had an on-again, off-again presence in the Red Room of the Quebec legislature.

It is the only visible spot in the building where the emblem hangs.

Marois' government made a formal request to remove it last month, on the 36th anniversary of the election of the first Parti Quebecois government in 1976.

That year, then-PQ premier Rene Levesque was the first to put the Quebec flag in the legislative chamber, the Blue Room, where the daily debates are held and votes are cast.

In 1983, he put the Fleur-de-lis in the Red Room.

The Maple Leaf was even-

tually added to the Red Room by federalist Liberal premier Robert Bourassa when he returned to power in 1985.

It was removed by successive PQ premiers before being brought back in 2003 after Jean Charest's Liberals took power.

Neither federalist premier, Bourassa or Charest, put the Maple Leaf in the legislative chamber, fearing a backlash from nationalists.

The vote came a week or so after an online poll asked respondents whether they considered different national symbols very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all as sources of personal or collective pride in Canada.

The survey said that when it came to the flag, 66 per cent of Quebec respondents answered yes — with 29 per cent calling it very important and 37 per cent calling it somewhat important.

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Quebec student activist finishes cross-Canada tour

It simmered as a provincial dispute over tuition-fee hikes before exploding into a massive movement that grabbed the world's attention.

Not only did Quebec's boisterous, and sometimes violent, student unrest of 2012 lead to the cancellation of the tuition increases, it also ignited a wider social-justice movement.

The historic uprising dubbed the Maple Spring eventually faded away as the seasons changed, along with the government — but was this a harbinger of the political awakening of a new generation?

One of the most-promin-

ent figures of the movement believes the students' success has forever marked a crop of Canadian youth.

Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, the spokesman of the hard-line CLASSE group, recently completed a cross-Canada tour to speak to young activists in a half-dozen cities.

He said he tried offering students hope by explaining that the Maple Spring was propelled in part by broader international protests against government austerity.

It was also fuelled by hard work and more than a year of preparation, said Nadeau-Dubois.

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CFIB report. Five extra public-sector sick days cost up to \$3.5B

A new report suggests public-sector employees in Canada take nearly five more sick, disability and personal days per year than Canadians working in the private sector.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business says those extra days cost up to \$3.5 billion per year, noting some public-sector workers can bank unused sick days, then take a lump-sum payment or use the days to retire early.

The CFIB says federal government employees take the most time off, averaging 15.2 sick, disability and personal days per year compared to 12.9 days in the overall public sector and 8.2 days in the overall private sector. In its report, the CFIB calls for

Private sector figures

6.7

Employees in businesses with fewer than 20 employees averaged 6.7 days off, while those in firms with more than 500 employees took 9.1 days, which is still lower than the public sector average.

sick-day allotments to be aligned with those offered in the private sector and for the accumulation of unused sick days to be discontinued.

"I don't think anybody believes that public-sector workers just get sick more often, yet something makes them feel entitled to more time off," said CFIB president and CEO Dan Kelly.

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Ottawa

BoC maintains interest rates will need to rise

The Bank of Canada is holding fast to its view that the economy is poised for a comeback and that interest rates will need to rise at some point in the future.

The central bank offered no surprises in its Tuesday interest rate announcement, keeping the policy setting rate at one per cent

for the 18th consecutive announcement date.

Bank governor Mark Carney kept in place his future guidance that in all likelihood rates are more likely to rise in the future than fall, or even stay the same.

"Although underlying momentum appears slightly softer than previously anticipated, the pace of economic growth is expected to pick up through 2013," the bank said in its policy statement. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Washington

Plans for avoiding fiscal cliff far apart

Both President Barack Obama and Republicans in Congress now have laid out some specifics of their vision for stepping back from the "fiscal cliff" budget crisis, but the plans are vastly different and leave politicians far from an agreement with a deadline less than a month away.

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Market Minute

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Banking. BMO to focus on growing overhauled operations in U.S.

The Bank of Montreal has set it sights on growing its U.S. business, it said Tuesday after spending more than a year overhauling and revamping the operations.

BMO chief executive Bill Downe said the bank is launching a massive advertising blitz now that the integration of Milwaukee-based Marshall and Ilsley Corp. is complete.

"This month we're blanketing our U.S. footprint with some of the strongest advertising and promotions the bank has ever developed, online, outdoor, broadcast and in-branch," Downe said on a conference call with analysts.

Q4 results

- The Bank of Montreal reported a fourth-quarter profit of \$1.08 billion on Tuesday as its capital markets business more than doubled its earnings compared with a year ago.

BMO doubled down on its U.S. operations when it acquired Marshall and Ilsley last year for \$4.1 billion US in a bid to give it the scale and reach needed to compete south of the border. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



PM warns editors to take action on press regulator

Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron meets children at a primary school in London on Tuesday. Earlier, Cameron warned newspaper editors they must act quickly to set up an independent press regulator in the wake of a media ethics scandal. **NEIL HALL/PA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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There's an important dialogue going on in households around the world right about now.

And it goes like this:

He: So where do you think the tree should go this year?

She: You know, hon, I really think we should bite the bullet and buy an artificial tree this year. Those real trees are so messy. They drop all their needles and are full of bugs. Squirrels, too, maybe.

He: The trouble with artificial trees is that they look as if they were put together on craft day at kindergarten using toilet brushes and spray paint.

She: That's not true! The new ones are pretty nice and they come with lights. All you have to do is take them out of the box, plug them in and voila! Instant Christmas.

He: I try to stay away from anything with the word "instant" in it: instant coffee, instant mashed potatoes ...

She: But real trees are so expensive. To get one that looks any good, you have to spend at least \$50.

He: The only artificial ones that look any good at all cost seven or eight hundred bucks. At that

The pine needle in my side

The only artificial ones that look any good at all cost seven or eight hundred bucks. At that price, it will take an eternity of instant Christmases to amortize the cost.

price, it will take an eternity of instant Christmases to amortize the cost.

Sound of quaint landline ringing.

Offspring: Hi Daddy! What's up?

He: Hi. Your mother is lobbying for an artificial tree again this year.

Offspring: Nooooo! It wouldn't be Christmas. The Geneva Convention specifically calls for a real tree to be sacrificed as a solstice offering. Have you called the Xmas police?

He: Not yet. She does make a certain amount of sense about the mess, which I end up cleaning up every year. And it's harder now because I have to toss the old tree over the balcony.

Offspring: Don't be silly, Daddy. You can get one of those noble firs. They don't lose their needles until Easter and only cost \$100 or so.

He: Is that all?

Offspring: And you get to save Christmas. I know I can count on you, Daddy. Gotta run! Ciao!

She: Was that our daughter?

He: Yes. She accused you of trying to ruin Christmas.

She: Same old, same old. By the way, I've been

thinking: We could get one of those Charlie Brown trees from

Ikea. I think they come free with a dozen meatballs.

He: I believe that's Lillie Karl in Sweden. And his dog is called Snobben. At least there

would be no place for the bugs to hide.

She: You can't help showing off, can you?

He: So where do you think the tree should go this year?



Road bump in the baby lodge



CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

Royal pregnancy

Police not fooled by princely mask

A man wearing a Prince William mask is escorted away by a policeman at the King Edward VII hospital in London, England. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, remains in hospital after Monday's announcement of her pregnancy. She is suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum, or acute morning sickness.

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#royalbaby

Messages from the womb, under 140 characters

This man isn't the only royal impostor caught up in baby-mania. Spoof Twitter accounts of the unborn child are getting attention.

"CURRENT STATUS: DARK IN HERE, WILL UPDATE," tweeted @RoyalFoetus, followed by more than 6,800. A rival, @RoyalFetus (10,000-plus followers), said: "I may not have bones yet, but I'm already more important than everyone reading this." METRO

What are the odds?

8-1

Bettors in Britain will be able to back their royal-baby predictions with pounds sterling through agencies William Hill, Ladbrokes and Paddy Power. Paddy Power will give 8-1 odds for betting on twins; 100-1 for triplets. For quadruplets or more, you'll get 500-1 odds.

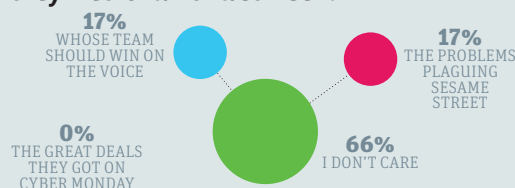
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On top of the cheesy charts

Barry Manilow has become just the fifth artist to score 50 hits on Billboard's Adult Contemporary chart. The sentimental performer entered the rarified mix thanks to a cushy rendition of Santa Claus Is Coming to Town off his new Christmas album. As any Fanilow worth their One Night Live! One Last Time! concert tee could tell you, it's been four decades since the romantic balladeer first cracked the easy listening chart in November of 1974 with Mandy (the first of 13 of Manilow's ditties that would soar to No. 1 on the chart). We cosy up with the AC music titans voted most easy on the ears.



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Johnny Mathis

AC chart appearances: 49

While just one chart appearance shy of an official 50 entries club membership, this velvet voiced crooner pioneered the greatest hits album format. 1958's Johnny's Greatest Hits earned Mathis a spot in the Guinness Book of World Record.



Elvis Presley

AC chart appearances: 53

You can thank the king, and thank him very much for assuring that the rhythm and blues, rock and roll and gospel charts got all shook up during his reign from the 1950s through the '70s until his untimely passing.

Easy Listening Cred: Can't Help Falling in Love, Suspicious Minds, It's Now or Never.



Neil Diamond

AC chart appearances: 58

While millennials know this jazzy vocalist as the guy who sings Sweet Caroline, Diamond has written a treasure trove of soft rock gems. He's sold over 125 million records during his five decades on the scene.

Easy Listening Cred: America, Heartlight, Forever in Blue Jeans.



Elton John

AC chart appearances: 68

In high school, this bespectacled pop piano prodigy should have been voted "most likely to be heard in an animated movie."

With lyricist Bernie Taupin in tow, the rocket man launched one hit after the other into radio orbit since Your Song off his sophomore album cracked the top 10 in 1970.



Barbra Streisand

AC chart appearances: 64

Trends, smrends, Babs eschewed 'em all, including rhinoplasty, fearing a nose job would ruin her voice. Never following suit with the hipsters of her heyday, Streisand was adult contemporary long before the term was coined.

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Idol winner finds Home with strong debut album

Top 10 hit. Singer trying to continue star power past TV competition

With the success of his debut single, Home, Phillip Phillips isn't just the dude who won American Idol. He's the dude with that folk-rock hit, according to the fans he's met.

"People are like, 'You're the guy with the song Home,' and I'm like, 'Yeah, yeah.' They say, ... 'So do you have any other music out?' I'm like, 'There are some covers.' 'What from?' I say, 'American Idol.' 'You were on American Idol?'" he recalled.

"There was a lot of people who didn't even know I was on Idol," he continued. "I think that's cool."

The star power for winners on Idol — or other singing competitions on TV — doesn't usu-

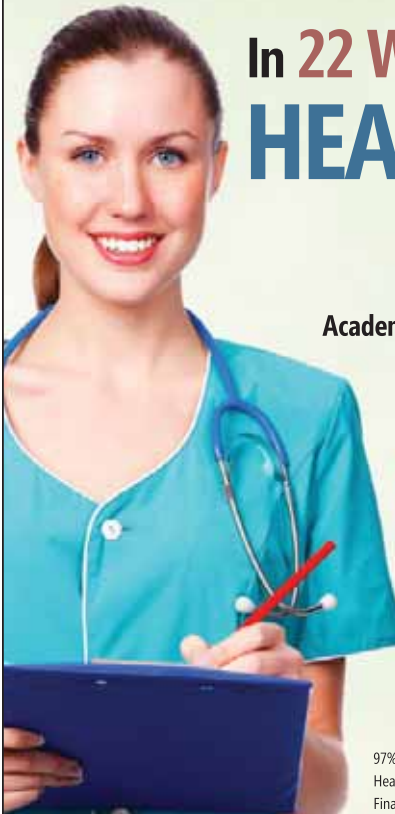


Phillip Phillips doesn't want to be a stereotype. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ally continue after the season's run, but Phillips is hoping he won't be one of those stereotypes, thanks to the success of his multiplatinum Top 10 hit and debut album, The World From the Side of the Moon, which debuted at No. 4 on Billboard's 200 albums chart this week after selling 169,011

units, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

The song — the only one he didn't write or co-write on the album — also got a boost when it was used in commercials for the Fierce Five, the five American female gymnasts who scored gold during the Olympics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Child star. Beasts of the Southern Wild actress has lots to smile about



Actress Quvenzhané Wallis stars in *Beasts of the Southern Wild*.

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She was just nominated for a Spirit Award for her leading role in *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, and there's buzz that Golden Globe and Oscar nods could be next.

But these days, Quvenzhané Wallis is more concerned about picking up long division in her math class than trophies in Hollywood.

"I actually had to learn what an Oscar was," Quvenzhané said over a lunch of fried shrimp and crawfish at the nine-year-old's favourite seafood restaurant in her hometown of Houma, La., about 100 kilometres south-east of New Orleans.

Quvenzhané said she was shown a picture of what an Oscar looks like and came up with a nickname.

"I call him 'the golden man,'" she said, crossing her

arms across her chest emulating the posture of the iconic statue.

If given the opportunity to go to the Oscars, Quvenzhané certainly knows what to expect.

The fourth-grader has walked many red carpets since *Beasts* first premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

There, it won a grand jury prize, and then played at the Cannes fest, where the film took the respected Camera d'Or prize.

Quvenzhané says she would like to be a dentist when she grows up "to see people smile," but won't be giving up acting.

But whether she or the film will be nominated for an Academy Award, "that's not in my head," she said.

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Is Gerard Butler a pro bad decision maker?

New movie. Richard Crouse tries to look at the brighter spots in the actor's career with another romantic comedy waiting in the wings



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Are there five more terrifying words in the English language than: new Gerard Butler romantic comedy? Butler is a good actor who makes lots of bad movies, but his track record in the rom com department is particularly dire.

Critics hate these movies, calling the handsome Scottish actor's attempts at mixing love and comedy "instantly grating," and "embarrassingly limited." Only Katherine Heigl (Butler's co-star in *The Ugly Truth*, called "ugly-ass crap" by Rolling Stone) has a worse track record.

This weekend he stars in *Playing for Keeps*, the true story of a former sports star who pulls his life together through romance and, let's hope, comedy.

The reviews have yet to come in for *Playing for Keeps*, but let's hope it breaks his rom com track record and delivers some mushy, funny fun.

Rather than dwell on the bad stuff, in this column I'll look at his more interesting performances — and no, that Jennifer Aniston movie won't be included.

Butler became famous in 2002, with big roles in *Reign*



Playing for Keeps, starring Gerard Butler, opens this weekend. HANDOUT

Slammed in the press

A few years ago the website Gawker placed Butler on movie star probation, calling him a "professional bad decision maker."

of *Fire and Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life*, opposite Angelina Jolie. Then he developed into a crossover star, taking roles in everything from sci-fi flicks (*Timeline*), to musicals (*The Phantom of the Opera*) and even a rendering of the Anglo-Saxon

epic poem *Beowulf* (*Beowulf & Grendel*).

The film that turned him into a heartthrob, but one with serious dramatic chops, was *Dear Frankie*, a four-hankie tearjerker about a single mother who resorts to trickery to keep the memory of her late husband alive in her son's mind.

It was his next movie, however, that made him (and his meticulously crafted six-pack) a superstar. In 300 he's King Leonidas, a Spartan who led 300 soldiers against the might of the Persian army. It's the film equivalent of a heavy metal concert — loud, brutal and completely un-

compromising — and it made him an action hero.

A few years ago, the website Gawker placed Butler on movie star probation, calling him a "professional bad decision maker" alongside Cuba Gooding Jr. and John Travolta, but Hollywood hasn't been all bad for Butler.

Post 300 highlights include playing a charming mobster in the violent Guy Ritchie flick *RocknRolla*, voicing Stoick the Vast, the chieftain of a Viking tribe in the animated *How to Train Your Dragon* and *Coriolanus*, a modern dress version of a 1608 play by William Shakespeare.

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John Travolta

Travolta's alleged lover sues star

A man who told the National Enquirer that he had a "steamy affair" with John Travolta while working as his pilot from 1981 to 1987 is now suing the actor, insisting he never signed a confidentiality agreement that would bar him from talking to the media about his time with the actor, according to TMZ.

The man, Doug Gotterba, claims Travolta's lawyer,

Marty Singer, threatened a lawsuit after the story was published. Singer maintains that Gotterba's termination agreement included a confidentiality clause and that the former employee is just out for attention. "Mr. Gotterba obviously filed this lawsuit to get his 15 minutes of fame," Singer says. "We plan to get this meritless case promptly dismissed."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Random sources state the obvious about Will and Kate



THE
WORD
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The news of Will and Kate's impending arrival has the tabloids in a tizzy — and scrambling for anyone, anyone at all, to be quoted about it.

I've compiled a sampling of the best of these random, mostly anonymous sources, all of whom state how Kate and Will will be good parents (as if anyone is going to say that she's going to become a baby-smacking alcoholic and he's planning on raising the baby as a racist).

The best of the bunch, with an added bonus of Snooki (say what?) commentary:

"Kate will be a firm but fair mother. Kate will let her



children have fun and freedom, but she will also make sure they do what is best for them." —

A "pal" of the Duchess of Cambridge, per Us Weekly.

"I can see William wanting to take time off in the modern paternity-leave style, so that he bonds with his child." — A "family friend" to daily-mail.co.uk

"(Kate and Will) both try to be as normal as possible in their private lives. ... Everyone's always said what great parents they'll be, since they are such a caring couple and very relaxed. They will lavish love on their children." — Jessica Hay, a "childhood acquaintance" of Kate's, to Australian tabloid New Idea

"I'm sure she will be an amazing mom." — Snooki to the New York Daily News

Perry hides from Brand under the table

A nice dinner out at the Beverly Hills Polo Lounge with John Mayer turned awkward for Katy Perry when her ex-husband, Russell Brand, showed up. Just how awkward are we talking about? Perry reportedly crouched under her table and hid just to avoid Brand, according to Us Weekly. "The hostess almost



Katy Perry

seated Russell next to Kay," a source says. "Kay's face was like, 'Oh s—!'" And while the seating disaster was averted and Brand was set up elsewhere in the restaurant, he apparently needed to satisfy his curiosity upon learning of Perry's presence. "On his way to the bathroom, he looked at [John and Katy] through a window," the source adds.

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Since 1985, the United Nations has recognized the contributions of volunteers around the world on Dec. 5, International Volunteer Day. Metro talks to Cuso International and Free The Children, international development organizations that send volunteers overseas to share their expertise with partners in other nations. Here, they offer five things to consider before taking the leap into overseas volunteering.

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Visual artist Stephanie Stoker (centre) works with young adults in Peru. CUSO INTERNATIONAL

Choose your organization carefully

Some organizations require you to pay your own way, and often include a fee; volunteering may be a fundraising mechanism for a development project. For others, volunteering is fundamental to their programs, and those serving take on professional roles in longer-term development.

SEAN KELLY, CUSO INTERNATIONAL

Work alongside the local community

Often times, travellers volunteer in isolation from the local community in which they are working in. Make sure to travel with organizations that have strong partnerships with local communities and governments. This enables you to ensure you are committing to a project that promotes long term and sustainable change.

CRAIG KIELBURGER, FOUNDER, FREE THE CHILDREN



School-building with local children creates a lasting bond for volunteers. FREE THE CHILDREN

5 things every volunteer should know



Bairu Sium, left, a Toronto high school teacher, assists his colleagues in education in Tanzania. SCOTT PORTINGALE/CUSO INTERNATIONAL

Know why you're going

Volunteers want to help and make a difference, as the cliché goes, but most know this isn't a purely selfless act. You will learn new skills, broaden your horizons and come to better understand yourself and the world. And that's all OK. Reflect on your motivations. You want to help reduce global poverty or protect the natural world, but what else? Have you always wanted to travel, but not as a tourist? Work with kids? When you understand your motivations, you'll be in a better position to choose the option that is right for you.

SEAN KELLY, CUSO INTERNATIONAL

A volunteer trip is just the beginning

Volunteer travel is a life-changing experience for both the traveller and the developing communities in which they work. Further ignite the global change maker in you by taking your experience one step further when you return home. Spread the message of your transformative experience to others, helping to spark the change within them. CRAIG KIELBURGER, FOUNDER, FREE THE CHILDREN



For young people, volunteering means being engaged, empowered and part of a team. FREE THE CHILDREN

Don't assume you know it all

Decades of successful and not-so-successful development assistance shows that projects parachuted in from above, without consultation or roots in local communities, usually do not have long-term benefits. You will want to help build the social infrastructure that is so critical to any nation's future.

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Augustina Aporte, who lives in Bolivia, works with the Chiquitania Forest Conservation Foundation on sustainability projects. MIGUEL HORTIGUELA/CUSO INTERNATIONAL

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Laughing in the frigid face of Old Man Winter

Festival fun. Bundle up and embrace Canadian culture at one of the many outdoor events taking place this season

The coming weeks are a time of hibernation for many Canadians. As temperatures plummet, it's only natural to want to huddle indoors near the warm glow of a fireplace or big-screen television and wait for the depth of winter to pass.

But for many people, it's a time of celebration. It's also a chance to show Old Man Winter that we Canadians can still face winter head-on, like the early settlers did with an axe, a tent and some hearty food and drink. For a few hours, anyway.

"Even if it's -40 C, people will be out there. They really want to enjoy winter and they embrace it," says Irina Ivanov-Bissonnette, spokesperson for the Festival du Voyageur.

The festival is held every

year in mid-February in the St. Boniface neighbourhood of Winnipeg and brings visitors back to the early 19th century, when a small fort on the very site played an important role in the fur trade. There are similar festivals held across the country in January and February, including the Voyageur Winter Carnival in Thunder Bay, Ont., the Yukon Sourdough Rendez-Vous in Whitehorse, and the biggest one of all — the Quebec Winter Carnival.

They have a common theme — instead of hiding from winter, get outside, interact with hundreds or thousands of others and celebrate the often cold, harsh history of Canada's development. The Yukon Sourdough Rendez-Vous bills itself as "the only legal cure for the cabin fever blues."

"We want to encourage people to embrace the weather, embrace that time of the year," said Rendez-Vous Society executive director Jon Solberg. "It's about actually getting out in the community and getting active in different events that are going on."

Festival-goers at Rendez-Vous, scheduled to run Feb. 21 to 24 in 2013, may find themselves carrying large bags of flour on their backs, throwing an axe or racing in snowshoes — all in temperatures that can dip below -20 C. The festival celebrates the Yukon gold rush and recreates, to some extent, how people lived in the late 1800s. "It's celebrating the pioneers," Solberg said.

At the Festival du Voyageur, the focus is on 1815, a time when the Hudson Bay Company and the North West Company were vying for control of the fur trade. Actors in period costume inside a recreated Fort Gibraltar greet you as if you have stepped back in time. Any mention of Canada is likely to be met with a quizzical expression and a reminder that Canada is to the East. You, monsieur, are in Rupert's Land.

The period actors show visitors how to make tools, fur coats and other goods, and how meals were prepared and food was stored in an isolated Prairie outpost.

If you go...

- **The Festival du Voyageur.** Is held in Whittier Park, east of downtown Winnipeg. festivalvoyageur.mb.ca
- **Rendez-Vous.** There are several direct flights to Whitehorse from Vancouver. Travel from most other cities is not non-stop. yukonrendezvous.com

There is also a bit of poetic licence to the festival's take on history. Just outside the fort, period actors play out a battle between French- and English-speaking soldiers that looks like something from the Plains of Abraham in Quebec. The battle portrays a skirmish between the forces of Lord Selkirk and La Verendrye that never actually happened. Selkirk, a Scottish settler, and La Verendrye, a French explorer, lived at different times of the west's development.

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Children hang out with Leo LaTouche, the mascot of the Festival du Voyageur. DAN HARPER/THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT



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Parmesan Custard

1. In food processor, combine light cream cheese, whipping cream and eggs. Pulse until smooth, about 2 minutes.

2. Add Parmesan, salt and pepper; continue to pulse until smooth, about 1 minute. Divide Parmesan mix into each of the eight greased glass ramekins (approx. 1/4 cup or 50 ml in each)

Spinach Layer

1. Put spinach over strainer in the sink and gently press to remove water.

2. In skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat, add garlic; cook, stirring until aromatic, about 1 min. Stir in spinach, green onions, salt and pepper. Cook to combine flavours, 4 mins. Remove from heat and spoon a generous 1/4 cup (50 ml) spinach mix on top of Parmesan custard, pressing gently.

Roasted Red Pepper and Salad Greens

1. In bowl, stir red pepper slices and garlic. Cover tops of spinach with a layer of

Parmesan Custard Cup



This recipe makes 8 custard cups. EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

roasted red pepper. The peppers should cover the spinach. Smooth tops.

2. Place custard cups on large rimmed baking sheet and bake in 375 F (190 C) oven until set,

about 30 mins. Let cool slightly.

3. Meanwhile, in bowl, whisk together olive oil, vinegar, Dijon, salt and pepper. Toss with mixed greens.

4. Run thin knife around edges of glass ramekins. Invert onto salad plates and top each with small amount of mixed greens and serve. Or top each cup with a handful of mixed greens and serve. EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

Ingredients

Parmesan Custard

- 1 pkg (250g/8oz) light cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) whipping cream
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and freshly ground pepper

Spinach Layer

- 2 pkgs each (300g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and freshly ground pepper

Roasted Red Pepper Layer

- 1 jar (340 ml) roasted red peppers, drained and thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic

Salad

- 1/4 cup (50 ml) olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
- 2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- 3 cups (750 ml) mixed salad greens

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Blue Cheese & Pear Tarts. Fun pre-dinner bites

These little attractive bites are the perfect hors d'oeuvres for the holiday season. Whipping cream, sour cream and eggs come together to highlight caramelized onions, Canadian Blue cheese and pops of sweet pear.

1. Preheat oven to 425 F (220 C). Lightly butter a baking sheet. Cut pear in half lengthwise; scoop out core and stem. Place cut sides down and cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch (0.5 cm) thick slices. Place on buttered baking sheet and roast 18 mins., flipping over halfway, until golden and tender.

Transfer to cutting board and let cool completely. Reduce oven temperature to 375 F (190 C).

2. Meanwhile, in skillet, heat butter and oil over medium heat. Add onions and half of salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, 8 mins., or until onions are tender and slightly golden. Set aside.

3. In bowl, whisk together eggs, cream and sour cream. Whisk in remaining salt and pepper.

4. Chop pear slices into 1/4- to

1/2-inch (0.5 to 1 cm) pieces; set aside.

5. Place frozen tarts on clean baking sheet. Spoon onions, into bottom of each tart, dividing equally. Divide crumbled blue cheese and pear over onions. Pour cream mix into tart shells until just little bits of filling are peaking through.

6. Place baking sheet in oven and bake 25 mins. or until filling is puffy and tart shells are golden. Allow to cool a little before serving.

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Ingredients

- 1 pear
- 1 tsp (5 ml) butter
- 1 tsp (5 ml) olive oil
- 1 onion, cut into 1/2-inch (1 cm) dice
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) each 35% whipping cream and 14% sour cream
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
- 24 frozen tart shells (3-inch/7.5 cm size)
- 3-1/4 oz (100 g) Canadian Blue cheese, crumbled



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Optimize your office experience

Placement pointers.

A co-op can easily turn into a full-time career, so work it like you're already on board

VALERIE AGUIAR
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Going out on a co-op work term for the first time can be daunting. Aside from showing up to work, there's a lot you should do to make a good impression.

Here are seven tips to help you make the most of your experience:

Don't wait until the first day

If you've been given your managers' contact information, get in touch with them. Let her know that you are excited to start and find out if there is anything they can suggest for you to do before you arrive. This gives them a good impression of you before they've even met you.

On your first day, come prepared

Bring in a copy of your job de-



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scription as well as a notebook. You'll be taking in a lot of new information, so it helps if you write it down. It's also important that you rest up the night before. Even though your job might not be grueling, being in a new environment is, so help your body out by getting some sleep.

Ask questions

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. People know you are new, and in most cases, they'll be more than happy to help. Don't be intimidated if everyone seems busy. They are, but they'll still find a way to help you — if you ask.

Observe

Whenever possible, try to watch and see how your man-

ager and co-workers interact (not in a creepy way, of course!). Maybe people at your company are very casual in conversation. How do people dress? How long do people typically go for lunch? Use what you see to help you fit in.

Ask for work

Each manager is unique. Some might delegate tasks to you,

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door and without that exp, you'll be many steps behind those who have. #QuestionOfTheDay

- @sonjaferne: My worry as parent is companies cutting back; more students to place & fewer placements these days. So...is it worth it?
- @ScouseNerd: absolutely! If my previous program had anything like that I think my life would be much different today
- @Mathoraa: Definitely! It not only gives you experience, but also a 'feel' on what the job is like

others might only give you work if you ask for it. Don't be afraid to use the phrase, "Would you like me to do anything in particular today?" It always helps to be proactive at work. Plus, you might learn a thing or two.

When in doubt, check it out. If the work you are given is difficult and you aren't sure whether you did it correctly, ask someone to look over your

work.

Your manager would definitely prefer this instead of finding a ton of mistakes later. You'll find that as time goes on, you'll feel more confident in your work.

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Landing a co-op position is great for getting hands-on experience in your field of choice, putting what you've learned in the classroom to practical use in the workplace.

However, there are a few things that you should just sim-

ply not do.

To make sure you work it out in style, here are our guidelines for what not to do at your co-op position.

Don't slack because it's not a 'real job'

While co-op placements may not be technically a 'real job,' the work and opportunity that they present are no lie.

Showing up on time and working hard will not only make your experience better, it could help turn that placement into a 'real job' in the future.

Don't go in blank

Getting a co-op placement



Don't rule out the possibility of shadowing people in other departments if you feel you aren't learning. ISTOCK

can be challenging, but once you get one, don't just sit back and wait for the ride to begin. Learn about the company you're working for, the different departments that you'll be exposed to and figure out what it is that you

want to get out of the experience.

Communicate your goals to your boss and work with them to make sure you make the most of your co-op.

Don't fly under the radar

Speak out

@TalentEgg: #Coop students and grads: do you think co-op placements make a big difference in hatching a career? #QuestionOfTheDay

• @SabaSabati: Absolutely! U graduate w/ min 9 months experience. Relative to those with 0, it's a huge advantage! + networking opp = priceless

• @ssimpson3: It's a great way to add some experience to your resume, network within the industry, and gain some real world skills

• @sonjaferne: My worry as parent is companies cutting back; more students to place & fewer placements these days. So...is it worth it?

When going into a new work environment, it can be tempting to fade into the background. However, since co-ops are short-term placements, you need to utilize your time in the office to leave a positive impression.

Network within the office and get to know your colleagues and your boss.

Once you leave the office, these people can be great industry contacts for future jobs openings or mentorship so build relationships. You want to be on their radar, not flying under it.

Don't whine about your work

Co-op placements may not be the most glamorous of pos-

itions. Sometimes you have to do data input and, occasionally, your day may be filled with filing, but that is part of the job. Whining about your work will only make you appear ungrateful for the position that you have.

If you are unhappy and feeling that you're not learning, don't complain, do something about it. Get your work done and talk to your boss about shadowing people in other departments or see if you can help your colleagues with their projects.

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Hockey

Americans name invitees for junior selection camp

Returning players John Gibson, Jacob Trouba and J.T. Miller as well as some top NHL prospects were among 27 players invited Tuesday to the U.S. national junior team preliminary training camp.

Alex Galchenyuk of the Sarnia Sting, drafted third overall by the Montreal Canadiens in June, as well as Toronto Maple Leafs first-rounder Tyler Biggs and the Ottawa Senators' 21st overall selection Stefan Noesen were also invited.

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NHL

Owners, players put in marathon bargaining session

Tuesday's round of NHL labour talks stretched well into the night.

A group of 18 players and six league owners spent more than five hours in meetings on Tuesday afternoon — and they resumed talks at about 10 p.m. ET after taking a break for dinner.

The marathon session was accompanied by whispers of optimism, something that had previously been in short supply. Sidney Crosby was among the players who sat across from the small cluster of owners, which included Pittsburgh's Ron Burkle, and those two were said to be strong voices in the room, according to sources. Neither commissioner Gary Bettman nor NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr took part in the afternoon meetings, although both men were present at the midtown Manhattan hotel.

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Sacrificing dignity for drug protocol?

PEDs. Some Canadian athletes irked by doping watchdog's demands

Jessica Zelinka had flown to Ontario for the Olympic Heroes Parade in September when drug testers knocked on her door in Calgary to find her not home.

Her absence was considered a missed doping test, the first strike for one of Canada's top track and field athletes.

Three strikes is an anti-doping violation and can come with a suspension of up to two years.

Some athletes are quietly complaining about what they call a draconian anti-doping system desperate to keep up with cheaters.

Few are keen to talk openly about it.

"It has nothing to do with athletes trying to avoid testing but everything to do with athletes trying to just be normal human beings and have their own dignity and freedom respected," says Zelinka's husband, Nathaniel Miller, an Olympian in water polo.

"I don't think the current system does that."

Canada's athletes must provide a schedule of their daily whereabouts in three-month blocks to the country's doping watchdog, the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.

Quoted

"You're kind of stuck between a rock and a hard place because if you speak out loudly against it, the immediate perception is, 'Oh well, they're trying to hide something.'"

Nathaniel Miller, Olympic water polo competitor and husband of athlete Jessica Zelinka



Jessica Zelinka competes in the heptathlon shot put during the Summer Olympics in London in August.

ALEXANDER HASENSTEIN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

They are also required to designate a specific hour each day — between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. — when they're available for unannounced drug testing in their home.

"If you're a regular employee in Canada, this entire policy and procedure is illegal," Miller says. "And yet, because you represent your country as an athlete, those rights go out the window."

Athletes must notify the

CCES of any scheduling changes. Zelinka forgot to do that. She argued she was caught up in the stresses of moving, last-minute plans to participate in the parade in Toronto and the added demands of being a mom. Zelinka's appeal of the ruling was recently denied. Two more strikes in 18 months will be an anti-doping violation.

The CCES was formed in the fallout from the 1988 Ben Johnson scandal. Jeremy Luke, director of the Canadian anti-doping program, says the organization is complying with the World Anti-Doping Code.

"That code outlines the length of sanctions that can be imposed on athletes, the testing protocols, and then, included in that, is what we

Extreme measures?

In the days after her bronze-medal run at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, hurdler Priscilla Lopes-Schliep took a trip to the Grand Canyon with her husband.

- They pitched a tent and emailed the longitude and latitude of the campsite to her manager in case drug testers needed to find her.

call 'athletes whereabouts requirements,' which is an international standard that's implemented in Canada but also implemented around the world," Luke said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police spoke with Belcher before shootings



Jovan Belcher THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher told officers who found him sleeping in his car outside an apartment complex hours before he committed a murder-suicide that he was there to visit a woman he described as his "girlfriend," but that she wasn't home.

The apartment complex is about 15 kilometres from the Kansas City home Belcher shared with 22-year-old Kasandra Perkins, the mother of their three-month-old daughter, Zoey. Belcher shot Perkins at their home on Saturday morning before driving to Arrowhead Stadium, where he committed suicide in the practice facility's parking lot,

Troubled history

Friends have said the relationship between Belcher and Perkins was strained.

- The couple briefly lived apart recently before getting back together by U.S. Thanksgiving, friend Brianne York told The Associated Press.

police said.

Police responded to a report at about 2:50 a.m. on Saturday of a man sleeping in his car outside an apartment building, police spokesman Darin Snapp

said Tuesday. When police approached the car, Belcher got out of the vehicle and was cooperative, Snapp said.

"We asked him 'Why are you sleeping here?' and he says he's there to visit his girlfriend, but she's not home," Snapp said.

When police determined Belcher didn't have outstanding warrants, Snapp said Belcher, 25, made a phone call and a short time later a woman let Belcher into her building. Police did not question the woman and don't know who she is, he said.

Snapp said that was the last contact police had with Belcher "until his name came up"

with the shooting at his home.

Witnesses have since told police that Belcher stayed at that apartment until 6:30 a.m., Snapp said.

At about 7:50 a.m., police were called to Belcher's home after he had shot and killed Perkins, according to a police incident report.

Belcher then drove about eight kilometres to Arrowhead Stadium, where he was met by GM Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel. When police arrived, Belcher moved behind a vehicle, out of clear view of officers, Snapp said. He said Belcher then knelt down and shot himself once in the head.

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Mike Commodore skates against the Ottawa Senators during his stint with the Tampa Bay Lightning last season on March 6 in Tampa, Fla. The blue-liner recently signed a 25-game professional tryout offer with the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Journeyman in minors to salvage NHL career

Lockout limbo.

Commodore hopes to turn heads while suiting up for the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs

The NHL lockout showed little sign of progress, so Mike Commodore decided to take action.

But his decision to sign a 25-game professional tryout offer with the AHL's Hamilton Bulldogs was not just an effort to salvage a season.

"I need to be playing, in my opinion, if I want to have a good chance of continuing my career," he said while the

Quoted

"I'm playing in front of people that I would like to see me play — NHL scouts, GMs and stuff like that."

Mike Commodore on playing in the minors

Bulldogs visited the Abbotsford Heat for a pair of games last weekend. "So here I am."

The 33-year-old Sherwood Park, Alta., native was among a long list of unrestricted NHL free agents who were left in limbo when the previous NHL collective bargaining agreement expired Sept. 15. Teams raced to sign younger, core assets before the old CBA expired, but took a pass on older UFAs until new financial parameters, notably the salary-cap maximum and contracting rules, are established. "Obviously, they were looking to lock up guys long-term with the expiry coming up," he said. "But for guys like me, there wasn't a real rush, and then the lockout started."

Commodore split last season with the Detroit Red Wings and Tampa Bay Lightning. He is now in his 13th pro season, and has played for almost as many teams in that span.

Since being drafted by New Jersey in the second round (42nd overall) in 1992, he has logged 484 career NHL

regular-season games with the Devils, Calgary, Carolina, Ottawa, Columbus, Detroit and Tampa. He has also suited up in 53 playoff games.

He won a Stanley Cup with the Carolina Hurricanes in 2005-06, played for the Calgary Flames squad that fell in seven games in the 2003-04 Stanley Cup finals to Tampa Bay, and was a member of Canada's world championship-winning squad in 2007.

He has 23 NHL career regular-season goals and 83 assists along with eight post-season points.

"The last two years for me, without getting too deep into it, haven't really gone in my favour," said Commodore, who is slated to receive a pro-rated salary of \$105,000 after earning \$1 million last season. "I haven't played nearly as much as I would have liked, and it all happened very quick."

Commodore is sought for his physical play and has racked up 683 career penalty minutes in the NHL.

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Grizzled veteran

Commodore finds himself back in the league where he spent the last lockout, after spending 2004-05 with Calgary's former Lowell Loch Monsters farm club. The six-foot-four and 225-pound blue-liner considered playing in Europe this season, but opted for a loop that he knew.

- In the process of trying to earn another NHL job, Commodore is showing Montreal Canadiens prospects like Brendan Gallagher and Jared Tinordi, both 20-year-old rookies, what it takes to have a long pro career.
- "It's just funny to listen to the guys talk," Commodore said. "It's nice to be around some young blood and some fresh players. I'm enjoying it so far."

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Brooklyn	11	6	.647	11/2
Chicago	8	8	.500	4
Atlanta	9	5	.643	2
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	3
Boston	9	8	.529	3 1/2
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	4
Indiana	9	9	.500	4
Charlotte	7	9	.438	5
Orlando	7	10	.412	5 1/2
Detroit	6	13	.316	7 1/2
Cleveland	4	14	.222	9
Toronto	4	14	.222	9
Washington	2	13	.133	9 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	13	3	.813	1/2
Oklahoma City	15	4	.789	—
San Antonio	14	4	.778	1/2
L.A. Clippers	11	6	.647	3
Golden State	10	7	.588	4
Houston	9	8	.529	5
Denver	9	9	.500	5 1/2
Minnesota	8	8	.500	5 1/2
Utah	9	10	.474	6
Dallas	8	9	.471	6
Portland	8	10	.444	6 1/2
L.A. Lakers	8	10	.444	6 1/2
Phoenix	7	12	.368	8
New Orleans	5	11	.313	8 1/2
Sacramento	4	12	.250	9 1/2

Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs.

Tuesday's results
Minnesota 105 Philadelphia 88
Washington 105 Miami 101
Oklahoma City 117 Brooklyn 111
Houston 107 L.A. Lakers 105
Memphis 108 Phoenix 98 OT
Indiana 80 Chicago 76

Monday's results
Portland 118 Charlotte 112 OT
Detroit 89 Cleveland 79
New Orleans 102 Milwaukee 81
Denver 113 Toronto 110
L.A. Clippers 105 Utah 104
Orlando 102 Golden State 94

Wednesday's games
Portland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's games
New York at Miami, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games
Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

LATE MONDAY

NUGGETS 113, RAPTORS 110
TORONTO (110)
Lowry 6-16 11-11 24, Bargnani 10-20 1-2 23, DeRozan 8-13 1-1 18, Ross 4-8 2-2 12, Johnson 5-7 0-0 11, Valanciunas 3-5 1-2 7, Davis 3-5 0-0 6, Calderon 1-4 1-1 4, Pietrusz 1-5 0-0 3, Lucas 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 42-86 17-19 110.

DENVER (113)
Brewer 9-15 0-0 19, Fariel 5-11 8-11 18, McGee 4-5 9-16 17, Lawson 6-15 1-2 16, Gallinari 4-10 3-4 13, Koufos 4-12 2-6 10, Miller 3-4 2-2 8, Hamilton 4-8 0-0 8, Igoudala 1-5 2-2 4. Totals 40-85 27-43 113.

Toronto 24 20 31 35 —110
Denver 29 32 28 24 —113

3-Point Goals—Toronto 9-28 (Bargnani 2-8, Ross 2-5, Lowry 1-4, DeRozan 1-3, Calderon 1-3, Pietrusz 1-3, Johnson 1-1, Lucas 0-1). Denver 6-15 (Lawson 3-5, Gallinari 2-4, Brewer 1-2, Igoudala 0-2, Miller 0-1, Hamilton 0-1). **Rebounds**—Toronto 37 (Davis 9, DeRozan 7, Ross 6, Bargnani 4, Johnson 4, Valanciunas 4, Lowry 3). Denver 53 (Koufos 10, Fariel 10, Gallinari 8, McGee 6, Brewer 5, Hamilton 5, Lawson 4, Miller 3, Igoudala 2). **Assists**—Toronto 19 (Lowry 7). Denver 25 (Igoudala 8). **Total Fouls**—Toronto 30, Denver 20.

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SOCCER

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Tuesday's results
AC Milan (Italy) 0 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 1
Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia) 1 Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 1
Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1 Manchester City (England) 0
Malaga (Spain) 2 Anderlecht (Belgium) 2
Montpellier (France) 1 FC Schalke 04 (Germany) 1
Olympiacos (Greece) 2 Arsenal (England) 1
Paris SG (France) 2 FC Porto (Portugal) 1
Real Madrid (Spain) 4 Ajax (Netherlands) 1

ENGLAND

ENGLISH CONFERENCE
Tuesday's results
Ebbsfleet United 2 Cambridge United 4
Lincoln City 0 Woking 2
Macclesfield Town 3 Hyde 2
Nuneaton 1 Dartford 0
Telford United 1 Barrow 1
Alfreton Town vs. Wrexham (ppd.)
Braintree Town vs. Forest Green Rovers (ppd.)
Gateshead vs. Grimsby Town (ppd.)
Newport County vs. Luton Town (ppd.)
Stockport County vs. Southport FC (ppd.)

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Named Jamie Nelson coach.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with 3B David Wright on an eight-year contract.

NBA
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Recalled F Kevin Jones from Canton (NBADL).

NFL
NFL — Suspended Washington CB Cedric Griffin four games for violating the NFL's policy on performance enhancing substances.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released TE Todd Heap. Signed TE Kory Sperry.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LB Dom DeCicco to a two-year contract. Waived/injured LB Patrick Trahan. Released QB Matt Blanchard from the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed WR Mohamed Sanu on injured reserve. Signed RB Daniel Herron from the practice squad and WR Vidal Hazelton to the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released FB Dominique Jones.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Released LB Clint Session and TE Maurice Stovall. Signed FB Will Ta'ofu'ofu to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed Donte' Stallworth. Placed WR Julian Edelman on injured reserve. Released OL Mitch Petrus. Signed OL Tommie Draheim and OL Colin Miller to the practice squad.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Placed G James Carpenter on the reserve/non-football illness list. Waived/injured WR Braylon Edwards. Signed G Rishaw Johnson from the practice squad.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed OL Kyle DeVan and T Daniel Baldridge. Signed G Chris Scott to the practice squad. Placed T David Stewart and S Robert Johnson on injured reserve.

CFL
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Released G Devin Tyler.
MONTREAL ALOUETTES — Signed FB Patrick Lavoie to a three-year contract.

AHL
HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Reassigned F Alain Berger and D Joe Stejskal to Wheeling (ECHL).
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Signed G Peter Mannino to a one-year contract. Released D Vincent LoVerde from a professional tryout agreement.
SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Assigned D Patrick Cullity to Idaho (ECHL).

NLL
COLORADO MAMMOTH — Traded F Derek Hopcroft to Buffalo for a conditional 2014 sixth-round draft pick.
WASHINGTON STEALTH — Signed F Athan Iannucci to a one-year contract.

MLS
FC DALLAS — Re-signed D George John to a multiyear contract.
PHILADELPHIA UNION — Exercised the 2014 contract option on M Zach Pfeffer and loaned him to Hoffenheim (Bundesliga-Germany) for 2013.

AHL								
EASTERN CONFERENCE								
ATLANTIC DIVISION								
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Worcester	21	11	8	1	1	60	65	24
Manchester	21	10	8	2	1	55	53	23
St. John's	22	11	10	0	1	53	60	23
Portland	21	10	9	1	1	67	69	22
Providence	19	9	8	0	2	44	55	20
NORTHEAST DIVISION								
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Springfield	20	12	4	1	3	70	42	28
Bridgeport	20	10	9	0	1	62	70	21
Connecticut	20	9	9	2	0	63	70	20
Adirondack	20	9	11	0	0	52	60	18
Albany	18	5	8	0	5	40	52	15
EAST DIVISION								
	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Syracuse	20	13	5	1	1	74	55	28
Binghamton	18	12	4	1	1	57	44	26
W-B/Scranton	20	13	7	0	0	58	46	26
Hershey	21	9	11	1	0	55	62	19
Norfolk	20	9	11	0	0	59	65	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Abbotsford	20	13	3	2	2	56	36	30
Toronto	21	12	8	0	1	70	59	25
Lake Erie	22	11	9	1	1	70	70	24
Rochester	19	9	8	2	0	63	59	20
Hamilton	18	7	9	1	1	38	57	16

MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Rockford	22	12	9	0	1	73	67	25
Grand Rapids	19	11	6	1	1	66	58	24
Chicago	20	9	8	2	1	56	62	21
Milwaukee	19	9	8	1	1	54	58	20
Peoria	20	6	10	2	2	47	73	16

SOUTH

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Charlotte	21	12	7	0	2	70	61	26
Oklahoma City	20	11	6	1	2	66	59	25
Houston	20	11	6	1	2	67	59	25
Texas	20	10	8	1	1	51	58	22
San Antonio	20	6	11	0	3	51	63	15

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.

Tuesday's result

San Antonio at Abbotsford

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.

Tuesday's result
San Antonio at Abbotsford

Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
Bridgeport at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Peoria at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
Texas at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Abbotsford, 10 p.m.

Thursday's games
Lake Erie at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Hershey at Norfolk, 7 p.m.

Friday's games
Lake Erie at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Adirondack at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Portland at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Manchester at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Hershey at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Hamilton at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Springfield at St. John's, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8
Bridgeport at Albany, 5 p.m.
Hamilton at Hershey, 7 p.m.
Connecticut at Manchester, 7 p.m.
Syracuse at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
Providence at Worcester, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Norfolk at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at St. John's, 7:30 p.m.
Peoria at Texas, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	430	260
N.Y. Jets	5	7	0	.417	228	296
Miami	5	7	0	.417	227	249
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	277	337

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	11	1	0	.917	351	221
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	265	306
Tennessee	4	8	0	.333	248	359
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	206	342

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	303	242
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	254	230
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	302	260
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	229	265

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	9	3	0	.750	349	244
San Diego	4	8	0	.333	258	257
Oakland	3	9	0	.250	235	376
Kansas City	2	10	0	.167	188	322

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	321	243
Washington	6	6	0	.500	312	303
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	280	295
Philadelphia	3	9	0	.250	217	320

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	11	1	0	.917	317	229
Tampa Bay	6	6	0	.500	333	289
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	321	325
Carolina	3	9	0	.250	235	292

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	296	255
Chicago	8	4	0	.667	294	198
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	262	274
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	300	315

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	8	3	1	.708	289	172
Seattle	7	5	0	.583	242	101
St. Louis	5	6	1	.458	221	267
Arizona	4	8	0	.333	186	234

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Cleveland 20 Oakland 17
Cincinnati 20 San Diego 13
Pittsburgh 23 Baltimore 20
Dallas 38 Philadelphia 33

GOLF

WEEKEND GLANCE

PGA TOUR
FRANKLIN TEMPLETON SHOOTOUT
Site: Naples, Fla.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
Television: Golf Channel (Friday, 1-4 p.m., 4:30-7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30-11:30 p.m.; Monday, midnight-3 a.m.) and NBC (Saturday, 4-6 p.m.; Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).
Online: www.franklintempletonshootout.com
PGA Tour site: www.pgatour.com

PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA/ONEASIA TOUR
AUSTRALIAN OPEN
Site: Sydney.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Television: Golf Channel (Wednesday, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.; Thursday, 1-3:30 p.m., 8 p.m.-1 a.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.; Saturday, 1-3:30 p.m., 8 p.m.-1 a.m.; Sunday, 1-6 p.m.).
Online: www.australianopengolf.com.au

PGA Tour of Australasia site: www.pgatour.com.au
OneAsia Tour site: www.oneasia.asia

ASIAN TOUR
THAILAND GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Bangkok.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 1-5:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Friday, 1-5:30 a.m.; Saturday, 1-4:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.).
Online: www.asiantour.com

LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR
DUBAI LADIES MASTERS
Site: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
Schedule: Wednesday-Saturday.
Television: Golf Channel (Wednesday-Thursday, 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Saturday, 3:30-7:30 p.m.).
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The 2013 Jetta Hybrid



Engine

The powertrain consists of a unique 1.4-litre turbo-charged four-cylinder engine worth 150 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque. It's paired with a water-cooled electric motor rated at 27 horsepower and 114 pound-feet of torque. Electricity comes from a lithium-ion battery pack located behind the rear seat.



A 1.4 litre, turbo-charged engine

2013 Jetta Hybrid

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 1.4-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (150) with 27-hp electric motor (170, net)
- **Transmission.** Seven-speed dual-clutch automated manual
- **Base price (incl.destination).** \$29,400

Design

Physical modifications aimed at maximizing the Hybrid's fuel economy include a cold-air intake for the engine plus a special front air dam, side skirts and rear spoiler for the body. The underbody has been fitted with extra panels designed to further reduce air resistance and turbulence.

Fuel economy

The (Direct Shift Gearbox) or DSG also features a sport mode that holds each gear for a longer duration when accelerating, but at the expense of fuel economy that in "normal" mode is estimated at 4.6 l/100 km city and 4.0 highway. That beats the Jetta TDI's 6.7/4.6 highway figures and rivals the slower Civic Hybrid's.

Review. VW's hybrid shift is an economically sound one

MALCOLM GUNN

Wheelbase Media

In a diesel-versus-hybrid comparison that usually pits Volkswagen against the rest of the world, did anyone really see this one coming? Volkswagen

building a hybrid? One that beats its own diesel model in fuel economy and comes close in price? Talk about a shift. Talk about the 2013 Jetta Hybrid.

The Jetta's hybrid system generates 170 net horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque.

That's less than a Toyota Camry Hybrid or Ford Fusion Hybrid, but keep in mind that the Jetta is closer in size to the Honda Civic and its estimated 8.6-second

zero-to-60-m.p.h (96 km/h) time trumps the Civic Hybrid by 1.5 seconds and the Jetta TDI by half a second.

Assisting the Jetta Hybrid in the performance department is a seven-speed automated manual transmission (Direct Shift Gearbox, or DSG) that features rapid-fire gear changes.

It can be left in automatic mode or the driver can go manually.

On the road, the Jetta's hybrid unit can briefly operate

on electric power for up to two kilometres and at speeds up to 60 km/h in standard mode, or 70 km/h in E-Mode. However, anything more than a gentle nudge of the pedal will tell the gas engine to join in.

The interior is standard Jetta fare, with the exception of a power meter that replaces the tachometer and displays when the Hybrid is in gas or electric mode.

Each model can come

equipped with a touch-screen audio system, an energy flow display, a navigation system, a Fender-brand audio package and a rearview camera, amongst other things. The Hybrid may not displace the cheaper Jetta TDI turbo-diesel as the fuel-saver's VW of choice, but it makes a sportier alternative to mainstream hybrids with their one-dimensional approach to cutting fuel consumption.

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L.A. show proves that cars are always greener (and shinier) on the other side

Electric evolution. Automakers have spotted consumers' love of green, and the result is gorgeous, guilt-free vehicles



AUTO PILOT
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Do you suffer from shiny object syndrome, or SOS as it's known in the self-help industry? Are you pulled invisibly toward bright shiny objects, and then transfixed in their orbit, while you try to ration-

alize their purchase or theft?

Then don't go, like I did last week, to the Los Angeles Auto Show. It's full of things you will want to steal or buy — even the so-called green ones.

The evolution of green vehicles coming in more and more attractive packages has happened over the last decade or so, after automakers realized that we consumers are drawn to green, so long as it is in a vehicle form that fits our emotional or practical needs, for whatever life stage we're in at the moment.

For example, while small and utilitarian is the ultimate way to go green, the chances are slim that you're going to buy a smart-for-two electric if you go to ski country every

winter weekend with four kids and a smelly dog.

On the flip side, the chances are also slim you're going to shell out \$100,000-plus for a cool Fisker Karma hybrid when you're a freshman at U of Jagermeister.

The talking heads during the automakers' press days at the L.A. show repeatedly mentioned that there is no silver bullet to green technology, and that they'll have to make green advances on all fronts and on all types of vehicles, and that the vehicles themselves cannot "not deliver" their respective brand promises.

So, if I could, I would like to draw your attention to three L.A. debuts that illustrate this vision.



BMW i8 Spyder

The BMW i8 Spyder shown in L.A. is definitely a concept, but production versions of both i8 coupes and convertibles are

definitely coming sometime around the 2014-15 timeframe. Expect prices of more than \$100,000 and top speeds of more than 150 mph, so they'll definitely be worthy of

wearing the BMW badge. The "petrol" part of the plug-in hybrid concept is a three-cylinder turbodiesel, expected to deliver about 70 mpg (3.36 L/100 km).

Chevrolet Spark EV

Chevrolet is GM's go-to brand for targeting young hipsters and value-conscious elders. As Chevrolet's smallest car, the Spark is already a great urban mobility device, and the electrification of it makes it even more so. When it goes on sale next summer, for about \$32,500 US (the U.S. federal rebate of \$7,500 lowers the price to \$25,000), it will be GM's first all-electric passenger vehicle since the EV1 was controversially discontinued in 2003. Unfortunately, the small number of Spark EVs coming to Canada next year is strictly for fleet accounts.

Technical highlights: Lots of components carried over from Volt; First vehicle to use new SAE Combo DC Fast Charging protocol, enables Spark EV to charge to 80 per cent in 20 minutes; Two seven-inch LCD screens to better utilize smartphone infotainment, like navigation, satellite radio and Apple's Siri voice thing. On top of that is a Lithium ion battery pack and electric motor (designed and built by GM in the U.S.) which delivers 130 hp and 400 pound-feet of torque! It should be a hoot to drive. Expect speeds of around 80 km/h.



Mercedes-Benz Ener-G-Force

The L.A. show hosted a design challenge, where automakers could envision a Highway Patrol Vehicle in 2025. Mercedes-Benz came up with the Ener-G-Force, which channels the vibe of a G Class off-roader circa 1979. There is, however, a twist. The G Force stores rainwater in the tanks on the roof, and transfers it to the "hydro-tech convertor," where it's turned into hydrogen for operating the fuel cells. "Swappable" battery packs are stored in the side skirts. There is an electric motor at each wheel to deliver four-wheel drive. A 360-degree topography scanner sends data to the suspension computer, which adjusts suspension parameters for maximum traction. It's a zero-emission vehicle with zero tolerance for citizen misbehaviour.



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do the same thing — pump more air into the engine—they differ in the way they run.

On a turbocharger, the engine's exhaust is routed through a turbine to make it spin. A supercharger is connected by a belt (or sometimes by gears) to the engine, which powers the unit.

Originally, these systems were all about power, and automakers used them to make their performance models even sportier.

Your engine runs on gasoline, but before the fuel can be used, it must be mixed with air. That air is compressed by the pistons to produce power, but they can only do so much.

Automakers often add turbochargers or superchargers, which can coax more power out of a smaller engine without having to move up to a larger one.

"The strategy of downsizing and replacing engine displacement by charging led to large increases in torque, weight savings and fuel efficiency," says Cort Nielsen, public relations manager for Audi Canada.

Although turbochargers and superchargers both

much less fuel, but can still provide that power boost when the driver demands it.

Because the turbocharger's turbine has to "spool up," or start spinning faster when the driver accelerates, there can be a slight delay in power.

Known as turbo lag, it was very noticeable in older engines, but newer units provide their power almost instantaneously.

"With modern electronics, the former deficiencies are no longer present," Nielsen says.

"The use of new combustion methods is another key topic in advanced development of engine charging technology, especially in efforts to increase charge pressure."

Whether an engine uses a turbocharger or supercharger depends on several factors, including where it will fit into the engine bay, and how easily its heat can be dissipated.

Superchargers also tend to be more expensive and are more likely to be used on higher-priced vehicles.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20
Look ahead and make plans — the bigger the better. The planets are encouraging you to try out new ways of doing things and before the current week is over, you will have had a revelation of some kind.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21
What happens over the next 24 hours will convince you there can be no more looking back. It is the future that matters and the future begins now. Change your life by changing the way you think about it.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21
Why do you believe you are surrounded by enemies? Whatever the reason, it must not be allowed to stop you from taking risks. Over the next few days, if you bet against the odds, you might just win big.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23
What is the one thing you are really good at? Everyone has a talent of some sort and if you identify yours and do something with it, you will soon enjoy amazing success. Do what comes naturally and do it brilliantly.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23
Be brave and take that big gamble you have been thinking of. There are, of course, no guarantees but life is supposed to be fun and one of the most fun things you can do is to reach beyond your usual limits.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A long-term problem will work itself out to your complete satisfaction today and to say you will be surprised is a big understatement. Don't think about it too much, just make the most of it.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It seems you have been working at cross purposes with a friend, but the good news is you can easily set things straight. Identify what each of you is trying to accomplish then resolve to help one another.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone new will come into your life today and it could be the start of a great friendship. You may be as different as chalk is from cheese but for some reason you will click. It could be you are soul mates.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Old-fashioned ideas and habitual routines tend to bore you and that's good because success will come through trying new things. Don't just move with the times, move ahead of the times. Shake up the status quo.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Whatever it is you get up to next it is sure to change the way other people look at you, and maybe even the way you look at yourself. Strive to be different, not just today but every day from now on.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will have plenty to say for yourself today but there is a danger you will say too much and turn others against you. That may not worry you much now but it will later on when you need their assistance.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's events will surprise you, especially if you are the kind of Pisces who thinks in terms of black and white or good and bad. Try not to be so conservative in your opinions. Strive to see the bigger picture.
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Crossword

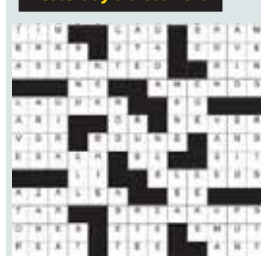
Across

- Auger
- Skin
- Star —: Deep Space Nine
- Stage of sleep (abbr.)
- Vicinity
- Peacekeeping grp.
- Battery sz.
- Common suffix
- "Smoking or —?"
- Problem solving technique
- Rose holder
- Urn
- Part of UCLA
- Catty
- de Janeiro
- Runaway singer Shannon
- Vocalized pauses
- Yield
- Jay-Z's genre
- Understand
- Flee from the law
- Balsam and Evergreen
- Charlottetown province (abbr.)
- Use the phone
- Genuinely real
- GPS heading (abbr.)
- NHL legend Bobby
- First two vowels in a sequence
- Orange peel
- Only one time
- Rap sheet abbreviation
- Director Preminger
- Meadows
- Berlin article

Down

- Spirited horse
- "What Not to —"
- Letters between K and N
- Growing —
- Greeted the day
- Monthly expense

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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5	3	1	2	8	4	7	6	9
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Weather

TODAY



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